

I am concerned, candidly, that this live pair being inside the beltway would be widely misunderstood, but I believe it is preferable to compelling Senator CRAPO's return to Washington or to have the will of the Senate exclude the vote of Senator CRAPO who could not be here unless he returned by charter jet and missed his daughter's wedding.

As I say, I voted against this bill last week, and I am opposed to it today. I intend to vote no unless the live pair with Senator CRAPO is indispensable for the reasons I have just outlined.

I thank the Chairman and yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SESSIONS). The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I yield myself such time as remains. I think it is 2 minutes.

As I said this morning, the fundamental question before Congress these past few weeks, as we have debated the Taxpayer Refund Act of 1999, is quite simple: Is it right for Washington to take from the taxpayer more money than is necessary to run Government?

The issue of tax relief isn't anymore complicated than that, and the outcome of the conference between the Senate and the House makes it clear that Government is not automatically entitled to the surplus that is, in large part, due to the hard work, thrift, and risk taking of the American people. Individuals and families are due a refund. That is exactly what we do with this legislation. We give the people a refund, and we do it in a way that is fair, broad based, and empowering.

Mr. President, I am ready to yield back the remainder of time.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I believe we have yielded back the remainder of our time.

Mr. ROTH. I yield back the remainder of my time, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the conference report. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 261 Leg.]

YEAS—50

Abraham	Ashcroft	Bond
Allard	Bennett	Brownback

Bunning	Grassley	Murkowski
Burns	Gregg	Nickles
Campbell	Hagel	Roberts
Chafee	Hatch	Roth
Cochran	Helms	Santorum
Coverdell	Hutchinson	Sessions
Craig	Hutchison	Shelby
DeWine	Inhofe	Smith (NH)
Domenici	Jeffords	Smith (OR)
Enzi	Kyl	Stevens
Fitzgerald	Lott	Thomas
Frist	Lugar	Thompson
Gorton	Mack	Thurmond
Gramm	McCain	Warner
Grams	McConnell	

NAYS—49

Akaka	Feingold	Mikulski
Baucus	Feinstein	Moynihan
Bayh	Graham	Murray
Biden	Harkin	Reed
Bingaman	Hollings	Reid
Boxer	Inouye	Robb
Breaux	Johnson	Rockefeller
Bryan	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Byrd	Kerrey	Schumer
Cleland	Kerry	Snowe
Collins	Kohl	Specter
Conrad	Landrieu	Torricelli
Daschle	Lautenberg	Voinovich
Dodd	Leahy	Wellstone
Dorgan	Levin	Wyden
Durbin	Lieberman	
Edwards	Lincoln	

NOT VOTING—1

Crapo

The conference report was agreed to.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. NICKLES. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, there is a concurrent resolution at the desk calling for the conditional adjournment of Congress. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, all without any intervening action or debate. This has been cleared on the Democratic side.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 51) was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 51

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate recesses or adjourns at the close of business on Thursday, August 5, 1999, Friday, August 6, 1999, or Saturday, August 7, 1999, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Wednesday, September 8, 1999, or until such time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, August 5, 1999, Friday, August 6, 1999, or Saturday, August 7, 1999, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8,

1999, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and House, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2466

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all first-degree amendments in order to the Interior appropriations bill, other than the managers' amendment, must be filed at the desk by 8 o'clock this evening and one amendment be allowed for each leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 2084

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now turn to the consideration of Calendar No. 181, H.R. 2084, the Transportation appropriations bill.

Mr. REID. Objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000—MOTION TO PROCEED

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 181 and send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Transportation appropriations bill:

Trent Lott, Pete V. Domenici, Paul Coverdell, Thad Cochran, Pat Roberts, Jesse Helms, Judd Gregg, George Voinovich, Ted Stevens, Slade Gorton, William V. Roth, Jr., Bob Smith of New Hampshire, Craig Thomas, Michael Crapo, James Inhofe, and Frank Murkowski.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this cloture vote on the Transportation appropriations bill will occur on Thursday, September 9.

I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote occur at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 9, and that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I now withdraw the motion to proceed.